papers and magazines (of different types) in the country whose publications have been discontinued from 1991-92 to 1993-94;

(b) what are the State-wise separate details thereof;

(c) whether there is any difference in the official advertisement rates of Hindi and English newspapers and magazines on the basis of language if so, what is the justification thereof alongwith the details of rates; and

(d) what are the details of the amount of advertisements released to Hindi and English newspapers and magazines through Central Directorate of Information and Broadcasting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) The requisite information which is maintained calendar-year wise, is given below:

Year	Language	Dailies	Weeklies	Fortnightlies	Monthlies
1991	Hindi	—	2	—	4
	English	—	—	2	2
1992	Hindi	—	2	—	—
	English	—	1	—	—
1993	Hindi	—	—	—	—
	English	—	1	—	—

(b) State-wise details are not maintained and hence are not available.

(c) Government advertising rates are fixed on the basis of a rate structure formula, which is uniformly applicable and is related to circulation. However, as a result of inbuilt weightage in the rate structure for newspapers in languages other than English, the rates of newspapers and periodicals published in Hindi and other language upto the circulation of 10,000 paid copies are slightly higher by Re. 0.50 to Rs. 1.10 in case of dailies and Re. 0.50 to Rs. 1.30 in case of periodicals. The above inbuilt weightage in the rate structure has been provided to encourage healthy growth of the small language newspapers/periodicals. Above the circulation of 10,000 the rates are the same for all newspapers/periodicals irrespective of their language.

(d) Details of the amount of advertisements released to Hindi and English newspapers by DAVP are given below:

Years	Hindi	English
	Amount(Rs.)	
1991-92	6,65,08,844	8,82,84,356
1992-93	9,29,78,847	11,40,61,800
1993-94	9,91,68,877	12,24,72,546

Telecast of Serials on Doordarshan Channels

2321. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan Channel I was meant for telecasting serials produced by Doordarshan only and the Channel II was meant for private producers;

(b) whether programme prepared by private producers are being shown on Channel I also; and

(c) if so, the reasons for deviation from the laid down policy and the steps taken to comply with that without deviation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Serials for Local Channel by Government of Andhra Pradesh

2322. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of serials for local channel sent by Government of Andhra Pradesh for clearance during the last three years;

(b) whether the committee constituted for the purpose has since evaluated and approved these serials;

(c) if so, the details of the serials that have been cleared; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be telecast from Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (d) One serial on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar submitted in 1991 by the Department of Social Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh has been approved by Doordarshan. The serial will be slotted for telecast after a stay order of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh on the telecast of serials under the New Sponsored Serials Scheme by DDK, Hyderabad is vacated.

Reconstitution of Central Board for Film Certification

2323. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the term of the Central Board for Film Certification ended in October, 1994, but the new Board has still not been announced as reported in the Indian Express dated 4th March, 1995;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the number of members of this Board from the existing 25 to 35;

(c) if so, whether more women are expected to be represented on this Board alongwith representatives from the film industry; and

(d) if so, by when the new CBFC is likely to be constituted indicating any amendments likely to be made in the existing guidelines against excessive vulgarity and violence in films?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATON AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) The Central Board of Film Certification was last constituted with effect from 7.10.91 until further orders.

(b) Under section 3(1) of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 the maximum number of members in the Board shall be 25, apart from Chairman. The Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 1992, current with the Standing Committee on Communications, seeks to enhance the maximum number of members from 25 to 35.

(c) and (d) Action has been initiated to reconstitute the Board, giving due representation to women. There is not proposal to amend the existing guidelines.

Relay of Muslim Television Ahmadian Programmes

2324. SHRI S. MADHVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the satellite television called Muslim Television Ahmadian MTA bearing its programmes from London which are received in India; and

(b) if so, what are the steps taken to control such private television telecasts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATON AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) (a): Yes, Sir.

(b) The various steps taken by Doordarshan to counter the programmes received through foreign satellites are (i) Restructuring of its various programmes; (ii) starting of an external services; and (iii) expansion of its terrestrial network.

American Satellite Service

2325. SHRI S. MADHAVAN.: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the daily Hindu dated 16th Februrary, 1995 about the plans to launch a satellite TV service by an American company in India;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the proposal of the American company; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the programmes that will be telecast by the American company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATON AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) (a): This Ministry has seen the report in question carried by 'The Hindu'.

(b) No such proposal has been received.

(c) Does not arise.